

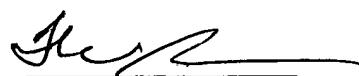
REMARKS

Applicant has changed the file format of the sequence listing offered from a Word document to ASCII(DOS) text, as required by §1.824 (a)(2) of 37 C.F.R., as the Examiner has instructed. In the sequence listing, applicant has deleted the text after field identifier <220> for each sequence listing. The previous responses of text were invalid under §1.823 of 37 C.F.R. In addition, mandatory field identifier <223> has been added to all sequence listings with the response "Chemically Synthesized" so as to provide a valid response to this line in the sequence listing in accordance with §1.823 (b) of 37 C.F.R. The sequence of amino acids that applicant has utilized in the present invention were obtained by chemical synthesis practiced by many biotechnology laboratories. Finally, in Sequence Listing No. 3, applicant has replaced <213> with the response "Artificial Sequence" so as to provide a valid response to this line in the sequence listing in accordance with §1.823 (b) of 37 C.F.R. The previous response, "Polypeptide sp." was invalid as it neither provided the genus or species for the featured protein sequence, but also failed to label the sequence as "artificial" or "unknown."

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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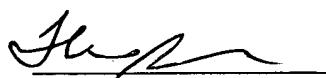
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Response was mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 9th day of March, 2007.



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